

Camp Mak-A-Dream - 2022

COVID Protocols, Mitigation Strategies & Your Participation

We are beyond thrilled to be offering our scheduled programs IN PERSON this year! But in order to do so and ***for the overall health and well-being of the entire Camp community, we NEED YOUR HELP, understanding and cooperation!*** In order to maximize the community opportunities at Camp Mak-A-Dream we have implemented strategies to keep us all safe while allowing us to have lots of fun, togetherness, and meaningful memories.

Mitigation strategies and protocols with regard to COVID-19 may be subject to change up to the time of, and even during, your stay at Camp Mak-A-Dream.

CDC – COVID-19 information

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

CDC – Current recommendations, restrictions, vaccine information, masking guidelines & more (State of Montana)

<https://covid19.mt.gov/>

CDC – Travel info link

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

CDC – Gatherings and Events

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>

Camp Mak-A-Dream will require proof of a negative molecular COVID test (PCR or NAAT) prior to arrival at camp. The test should be done 3-4 days before the start of the session, and is usually available free of charge at Walgreens or CVS. Please confirm with the testing site/doctor that the test you are receiving is not a Rapid Antigen Test. If you have a positive PCR test for COVID in the 90 days before camp starts, please consult with your doctor to get a note clearing you of infection.

VACCINES – We strongly recommend that everyone attending Camp be fully vaccinated (with all recommended vaccines, including COVID-19). Please see the link above for current CDC recommended vaccinations lists.

Camp Mak-A-Dream reserves the right to ask anyone not abiding by Camp protocols, procedures or mitigation strategies to leave campus and be removed from remaining Camp activities. Any costs associated with such actions will also be the sole responsibility of the individual (for those aged 18+ or family for minor age participants) violating Camp policy.

DISTANCING, MASKING & MITIGATION strategies - Camp requires that all participants mask while indoors, except when with their cohort groups (within cabins and in the dining room while seated with their cohort group/cabin assignment).

Camp protocols and procedures may vary between now and when you actually attend Camp, thus we ask you to please refer to ongoing alterations in CDC guidelines (link provided above) and appreciate your willingness to abide by whatever protocols and procedures are in place at the time of the Camp session.

Masks will be required to be worn by everyone within Camp vehicles.

Enhanced cleaning practices will be in place and supplies will be available throughout campus for touch-up cleaning as well.

Camp encourages frequent hand-washing (minimum of 20 seconds or more) for everyone on campus. Please refer to posted signage around campus for hand-washing recommendations.

HOUSING & COHORT 'CABIN/POD' GROUPS –

Participants will each be assigned to a cabin on campus where they will be required to sleep throughout the program. Cabin groups (also known as Cohorts or Pods) may also be used for seating at meals, travel-transportation and attending various activities. While we appreciate that you may have 'friends' that you would like to stay with, however, we are not able to accept roommate requests this year due to the logistics of COVID-19 operating protocols. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with others, outside of your cabin/cohort group, throughout the retreat as well, but we ask that everyone respect and abide by these guidelines throughout their stay at Camp Mak-A-Dream for the overall health and well-being of the Camp community.

Participants will be required to wear a mask when indoors and interacting with individuals or groups outside of their cabin/cohort group.

MEALS & SNACKS– seating will be in 'pods' or by cabin while dining. Meals will either be pre-plated by our kitchen staff or put out buffet style with all items being served by kitchen staff, summer staff and/or volunteers. Tables will be marked by cabin and we ask that you please sit within your cabin (or cohort group) table(s) for all meals.

ACTIVITIES – for some activities we may need to do rotations of smaller groups, others you may need to reserve a time to attend, or capacity may be limited during a given time period.

INDOOR vs OUTDOOR – physical distancing will be encouraged. Masks are required for indoor activities except while in cabin or dining with your cohort. Physical distancing will be encouraged during outdoor activities where masks are not currently required. Please know these policies may be altered according to current CDC recommendations for masking.

TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION –Camp requires that all participants wear masks during travel between the airport and the Camp facility and at any time of transport with a Camp vehicle.

We appreciate your understanding and abiding by these protocol guidelines both while traveling to/from and at during your time at Camp.

Anyone who does attend Camp and is either showing symptoms or is known to have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 may be required to isolate (on or off campus), be tested, and may be asked not to return to campus, requiring a hotel stay and/or travel changes to get home. Any and all costs associated with such things will be the sole responsibility of the participant(s).

PRE-CAMP SCREENING – everyone attending Camp will be required to conduct pre-screening for COVID systems in the week leading up to each Camp session. For campers, this will be done online through the CampDoc system and for staff and volunteers, a form will be provided by Camp Mak-A-Dream to those individuals to track their screening answers. On site daily screening may also be conducting for anyone within the Camp community.